

Dear Senator and Representatives,

I am writing in support of **S.B. No. 184** (Raised) An Act Extending Through November 8, 2022, Several Changes Regarding Election Administration as a Result of Covid-19 and Concerning Eligibility to Vote by Absentee Ballot. And **H.B. No. 5252** (Raised) An Act Revising Certain Absentee Voting Eligibility Statutes.

The reason I support **S.B.No.184**, is that I am over 70 years old with health issues. I am concerned about Covid-19. I have been very careful these past 2 years and plan to continue being careful so that I can avoid getting Covid-19. Because we do not know what will happen in the future with Covid, we may get another variant which could be worse than what we have seen so far.

VOTING is a RIGHT FOR ALL CITIZENS, IT IS UP TO US TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE TO BE HEARD.

I also support **H.B.No. 5262** as it would amend our state statutes regarding the "illness" provision for absentee ballot voting so that it is in line with our CT State Constitution. I am concerned about people who are unable to get to the polls due to work and family issues. It can be very difficult for people who are paid hourly, work long hours and have children to care for when not at work to find the time to get to the polls and vote.

This bill would benefit voting rights for many Connecticut citizens. For example voters who are caretakers for others who are sick or who have a physical disability and therefore unable to get to the polls, could still vote. Also, folks who are out of town during the majority of voting hours, possibly due to work, would still be able to vote.

NO CITIZEN IN CT SHOULD BE DISENFRANCHISED DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN VOTING FOR THEIR CANDIDATE, WHICH COULD BE YOU!

Thank you for supporting voter access to the ballot
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